Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 25 July 2009 to 15 March 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 25 July 2009 to 15 March 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service as Special Operations Task Force-Central in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group exhibited selfless service, determination, and esprit-de-corps by blending both lethal and non-lethal means into a comprehensive approach to defeat insurgent efforts. Members of the task force operated brilliantly among four primary lines of operation: improving Foreign Internal Defense, executing combined offensive operations with Iraqi Security Forces in the lead, targeting enemy networks, and building Networks of Influence. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2d Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group deployed into exceptionally challenging parts of Iraq including Basra, Amarch, Nasiriyah, Al Kut, Diwainiyah, Suwayrah, Najaf, Karbala, and all the critical shullahs of Baghdad immediately after the implementation of the Iraqi Security agreement. These actions paved the way for Direct Action, Foreign Internal Defense, Military Source Operations, Humanitarian Assistance, Psychological Operations, Civil Military Operations and Iraqi Special Forces expansion. This
positive impact on the overall security of Iraq is a testament to the courage, skill, extraordinary actions and professionalism of the Special Operations Forces community. The deeds performed by the members of the task force exemplify the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon the 2d Special Forces Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula, Special Operations Command Central, United States Central Command and the United States Army.

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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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